United States has also repeatedly said that it will not involve itself in negotiations between India and Pakistan unless asked to by both sides.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Cost of Agra Summit

2024. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of Agra Summit;

(b) how many rooms were booked for the officials accompanying the Indian delegation and otherwise; and

(c) the amount spent by Government for Agra Summit including the reception and security at Delhi, Agra and Ajmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (c) The requisite information will be available only on receipt and settlement of various bills, as well as various inputs from other Ministries and Departments.

(b) The information available with the Ministry of External Affairs is that a total of 73 rooms were booked for the officials accompanying the Indian delegation and the accompanying support staff at the Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra. In addition, three rooms were booked for the Pakistani delegation as meeting rooms/waiting rooms. 25 rooms were booked for security officals, three rooms for official media and 12 rooms were booked as control rooms, meeting rooms and secretariat rooms for the Indian delegation.

In the Amar Vilas Hotel, Agra, a total of 35 rooms were booked for the Pakistani delegates and the Indian officials, including Indian security, who accompanied the President of Pakistan.

A further 21 rooms were booked at the Mughal Sheraton Hotel for government officials dealing with media.